

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## KCK MAN INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE CRACK AFTER BREAKING INFORMANT'S WRISTS

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Kan., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine after assaulting a confidential informant.

**Carlos Garcia**, 19, of Kansas City, was charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Garcia** conspired to distribute 50 to 150 grams of crack cocaine between June 6, 2004, and June 26, 2004. The indictment alleges that during the conspiracy, **Garcia** assaulted a confidential informant by stomping on his wrists after he suspected the individual was a "snitch." As a result of the assault, the confidential informant suffered significant injuries, including two broken wrists, the indictment alleges.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Garcia** distributed 20 to 35 grams of crack cocaine on June 6, 2004, in Kansas City, Mo.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Garcia** possessed with intent to distribute 35 to 50 grams of crack cocaine on June 9, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney W. Brent Powell. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kan., police departments.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

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